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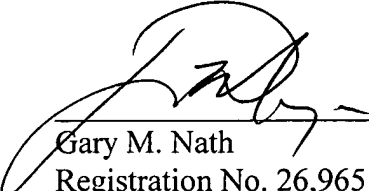
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- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 24, 2008. The one month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire November 24, 2008. As such, Applicants believe that no extension of time is required at this time.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following election and remarks, Applicants respectfully request further examination on the merits.